(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has requested the Government of India to include Gandhinagar and Karamsad in JNNURM;

(b) if so, whether the request of Government of Gujarat has been considered;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Requests received from State Governments are considered by the National Steering Group (NSGO) constituted under the guidelines of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). NSG may consider addition or deletion of cities/towns under category-C (other than State Capitals) based on the suggestions received from State Government. The number of cities under the Mission shall, however, remain around 60. The NSG in its 5th meeting held on 05-01-09 considered requests received from various State Governments for inclusion of 18 cities (including Gandhinagar, Probandar and Karamsad) under Sub Mission-I of JNNURM and recommended to include the city of Tirupati and Porbandar under Sub Mission-I of JNNURM. At present there are 65 cities covered under Urban Infrastructure and Government (UIG) component of JNNURM. Cities not covered under UIG of JNNURM, such as Karamsad and Gandhinagar are covered under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT).

Streamlining of system outside Railway stations and Airport in Delhi

†2433. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the prepaid passengers have to face a lot of difficulties when they come out of the airport and railway stations in Delhi as the prepaid system for taxis and autos is inadequate and unorganized;

(b) whether independent drivers are charging passengers arbitrarily;

(c) whether such drivers encircle the passengers as soon as they come out of the station and make it difficult for them even to reach the prepaid taxis; and

(d) by when the efforts will be made to streamline this whole system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY): (a) to (d) Streamlining availability of public transport in cities and towns is primarily a State subject. The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Funding pattern of DMRC

2434. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funding pattern of DMRC for Metro trains going out of NCT of Delhi;

(b) is there any proposal to change the funding pattern;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.